(d) whether there has been any case of diversion/misuse of Acetic Anhydride Acid by manufacturers/allottees; if so, the names of such persons and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHHATTRA PAL SINGH):There is no chemical known as "Acetic Anhydride Acid". However, there is a chemical item called "Acetic Anhydride" and the reply in respect of the same is as under:—

(a) Being a controlled substance under clause (viia) of Section 2 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985, manufacture, distribution, sale, imports-exports and consumption of Acetic Anhydride are subject to the controls imposed under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Regulation of Controlled Substances) Order, 1993.

(b) To the extent available the unit-wise annual production of Acetic Anhydride is as under:—

(Production in MTs)

Units	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Ashok Organic (I) Ltd. Bombay	—	259	—
Andhra Sugar (Tannku)	1398	1246	1327
Sanjivani Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.	2361	1611	1205
Trichy Distilliers	1027	458	511
IOC Ltd.	2755	335	—
VAM Organics J.P. Nagar	22675	26086	20148
TOTAL	30216	29995	23191

(c) Yes Sir, there has been some instances where loss of Acetic Anhydride during transportation has been reported by the manufacturers to the Narcotics Control Bureau.

(d) No case involving a manufacturer in diversions/misuse of Acetic Anhydride has come to the notice of Narcotic Control Bureau.

Segregation of waste before dumping

1894. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any serious thought and acted and implemented any schemes and programmes to segregate organic,

inorganic and biodegradable waste before dumping the garbage in dumping grounds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether similar waste is being dumped in our rivers; and

(e) if so, the steps Government are willing to take to segregate garbage before dumping and allowing polluting our rivers?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Government have notified the Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 vide S.O. 908 (E) dated 25th September, 2000 for effective management of the municipal solid wastes including garbage. The rules, *inter-alia,* specify that such wastes are to be segregated and stored separately into biodegradable wastes, recyclable wastes, and other wastes. Municipal authorities are required to organize awareness programmes for segregation of wastes and to promote recycling or reuse of segregated materials and also to undertake phased programme to ensure community participation in waste segregation.

(d) and (e) The local municipal authorities are responsible for the implementation of the provisions of Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules and for any infrastructure development for collection, storage, segregation, transportation, processing and disposal of municipal solid wastes, including measures to prevent any contamination of ground water, surface water and ambient air quality. Dumping of garbage into rivers is not permissible.

Production/import of plastic

1895. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3760 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 2003 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plastic/polythene is harmful to ecology, human beings and animals;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the production/import of plastic and polythene has gone up each year during last 3 years;